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## CHARLES H. BALDWIN.

Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.

BORN, SEPTEMBER 3, 1822, IN NEW YORK CITY.

DIED, NOVEMBER 17, 1888, IN NEW YORK CITY.

Admiral Baldwin entered the Navy, as a midshipman, April 24, 1839 ; in the war with Mexico was several times engaged with the enemy about Mazatlan ; and, February 28, 1854, resigned his commission, being then a lieutenant.

For seven years he pursued a successful career in the mercantile marine ; upon the outbreak of the rebellion promptly tendered his services in defense of the Union ; commanded a steamer in Farragut's passage of the river forts and capture of New Orleans ; and actively participated in the first attack on Vicksburg, Miss. During the continuance of the civil war his duties were varied and arduous ; and, when peace was restored, his responsibilities increased with his increasing rank. He was promoted to be a Rear-Admiral, January 31, 1883, when he was assigned to the command of the European Squadron, in which elevated position he did the honors of our country with generous hospitality and courtly dignity.

Admiral Baldwin, after his retirement, September 3, 1882, began to decline in health, and this made it necessary for him to spend his winters in the genial climate of the Mediterranean Riviera. Upon his last homeward voyage he had a fall, from which he was too feeble to rally. Death terminated his sufferings November 17, 1888, at the early age of sixty-six.

During the last twelve years of his life, Admiral Baldwin was a Fellow of the American Geographical Society, and for seven of them a member of its Council. His associates recall with affection the charm of his manner, his quick intelligence and liberal culture, his force of character and nobility of nature, and sincerely mourn the loss of this brave and sterling officer, who faithfully served his generation, and bore an emphatic witness to the worth of manhood.

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